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COLORECTAL TUMORS AND METASTASIS THEREOF**

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This preliminary amendment is being filed for the above-identified patent  
application. Please amend the claims as follows.

**In The Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1 to 8 in the original application without prejudice and insert  
new claims 9 to 26 as follows.

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